

REMARKS

The Office action indicates that a restriction to one of the following claim groups is required:

(I) claims 1-19, drawn to a force reflecting haptic interface structure;

(II) claims 20-26, drawn to a force reflecting haptic interface utilized as an input device;

(III) claims 27-35, drawn to a docking station for a force reflecting haptic interface device;

(IV) claims 36-47, drawn to driving of a force haptic interface device; and

(V) claims 48-53, drawn to a method and apparatus for monitoring an internal temperature of a force reflecting haptic interface.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-19). Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims present in the application.

In addition, Applicants hereby amend claims 20, 27-35, 36, and 48, and cancel claims 52-53, without prejudice. The claims are amended to depend, either directly or indirectly, from elected independent claim 1. No new matter is added thereby.

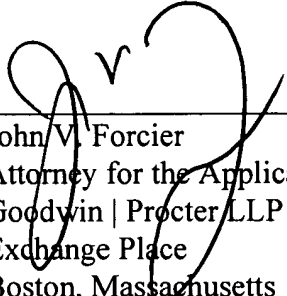
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' attorney would expedite the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1607.

Respectfully submitted,

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